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SUBJECT: EXCERPTS FROM EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT
1. SENATOR SCOTT RETURNS FROM THE PRC (UNCLASSIFIED)

SENATOR SCOTT ARRIVED BACK IN WASHINGTON JULY 26 FROM
HIS PRC VISIT AND WAS MET BY PRCLO DEPUTY CHIEF HAN HSU.
SCOTT HAD A PREPARED STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS ON HIS CHINA
VISIT, BUT THE QUESTIONS OF THE JOURNALISTS FOCUSED EX-
CLUSIVELY ON SCOTT'S REACTION TO GOVERNOR REAGAN'S SELEC-
TION OF SENATOR SCHWEIKER AS HIS DESIGNATED RUNNING MATE.
THE SENATOR SAW PRESIDENT FORD ON THE MORNING OF JULY 28
TO REPORT ON HIS TRIP.

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2. CODEL CURTIS IN AUGUST (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE WHITE HOUSE HAS FINALLY COMPLETED SELECTION OF THE
OFFICIAL CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE

PRC IN LATE AUGUST. THE GROUP WILL BE LED BY SENATOR CARL CURTIS AND WILL INCLUDE SENATORS BAYH (DEPUTY LEADER), JOHNSTON, BAKER, HOLLINGS AND STEVENS. STAPE ROY HAD LUNCH WITH THE GROUP ON JULY 26 TO DISCUSS ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS, AND WE ARE RECOMMENDING TO THE SECRETARY THAT HE OFFER TO BRIEF THE DELEGATION.

3. VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FINALLY LAND IN HONG KONG
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

AFTER CONSIDERABLE ARM TWISTING, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS FINALLY AGREED TO PERMIT 99 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES PICKED UP AT SEA BY A BURMESE VESSEL, THE M/V AVA, TO DISEMBARK. WE HOPE THAT THIS EXAMPLE WILL ENCOURAGE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA TO PERMIT REFUGEES ARRIVING BY BOAT TO LAND UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE UNHCR. WE EXPECT THAT MANY OR ALL OF THIS PARTICULAR GROUP WILL QUALIFY FOR THE US EXPANDED PAROLE PROGRAM OR CONDITIONAL ENTRY.

4. MASS EXODUS FROM PRCM (UNCLASSIFIED)

IN ORDER TO PREVENT "MOUNTAINTOPISM", THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP HAS ORDERED A SWEEPING ROTATION OF THE WELL ENTRENCHED "ESTABLISHMENT" FACTION IN PRCM. OSCAR ARMSTRONG IS MOVING UP TO REPLACE BILL GLEYSTEN, WHO IS BEING SENT TO THE NSC FOR IDEOLOGICAL REMOLDING. PETE SMITH IS SHIFTING TO AF/E, AND LAURA KENNEDY HAS DEFECTED TO FSI TO STUDY THE LANGUAGE OF THE SUPERPOWER WHICH PRACTICES HEGEMONISM WHILE WEARING THE SIGNBOARD OF SOCIALISM. LAURA'S REPLACEMENT (BOB MCMAHAN) IS ALREADY ON BOARD, AND DICK HART WILL ARRIVE TO FILL PETE SMITH'S SLOT IN LATE AUGUST. THERE IS GREAT DISORDER IN PRCM, AND THE SITUATION IS EXCELLENT.

OTHER ITEMS COVERED:

- 1) EARTHQUAKE (UNCLASSIFIED)
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- 2) NCUSCT: A "TWO CHINA'S" PROBLEM? (CONFIDENTIAL)

- 3) WU TE TO ACT AS NPC CHAIRMAN? (UNCLASSIFIED)
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